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Letter dated 11 September 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 6 September 2017 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, established by the Security Council in its resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 3 August 2017 (S/AC.51/2017/4) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Tekeda **Alemu**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Letter dated 6 September 2017 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General

At its 65th meeting, on 2 June 2017, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fourth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Philippines (S/2017/294), covering the period from 1 December 2012 to 31 December 2016. At its 67th meeting, on 3 August 2017, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Philippines (S/AC.51/2017/4).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014) and 2255 (2015), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, with:

(a) Inviting you to ensure that the United Nations country task force on monitoring and reporting strengthens its monitoring and reporting activities regarding all violations and abuses committed against children in the armed conflict in the Philippines, including continuing to implement the principles of the action plan between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the United Nations in the Philippines signed on 1 August 2009;

(b) Requesting you to encourage the United Nations country task force on monitoring and reporting to renew its efforts to reach out to non-State armed groups, with a view to developing action plans to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children in violation of applicable international law and to address other violations and abuses against children in armed conflict in the Philippines.

(*Signed*) Olof **Skoog**
Chair
Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict